

Minutes

of a Meeting of

Yatton Parish Council

Monday 10 January 2011

held at Hangstones Pavilion

Meeting opened: 7.30 p.m. Meeting closed: 9.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: David Crossman (Chairman), Trevor Bidwell-Ford, Maurice Blunsdon, Jane Bollen, Mike Cox, Wendy Griggs, Martyn Hooper, Graham Humphreys, Robert Jenner, Rosey Knifton, Susan Morris, Ian Payne, Lucy Perrott, Brian Phillips and Viv Wathen

Also in attendance: Clerk, North Somerset Councillor Tony Moulin, North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar, PC Paul Morris, PCSO Kate Thornton and two members of the public

Prayers were led by Allan Attwood

Public Participation

Paul Quest spoke:

- (1) Paul asked what progress had been made on assistance for the hearing-impaired. The Clerk replied that this would be considered by the Amenities & Properties Committee on 17 January.
- (2) Agenda item 8 (promotion of local democracy and citizenship): Paul welcomed the Clerk's suggestions but felt the Council could be more vigorous and pro-active. Councillors could consider modern means of communication such as Facebook and Twitter. He urged every councillor to contact ten people to encourage them to stand for election, as well as spreading the word among local clubs and organizations.
- (3) Agenda item 13 (Hangstones redevelopment working party): Paul asked for the working party to be opened up to the public.

North Somerset Councillors' reports

Jill Iles sent apologies.

Tony Moulin reported:

- Agenda item 6 (20mph speed limit): flashing signs on either side of the school entrances would help, but only at the most congested times. The PACT would be considering this issue.

- Agenda item 7 (waste and recycling over Christmas): it was important to learn lessons from the experience and improve communications.
 - Agenda item 8 (promotion of local democracy and citizenship): Tony stressed the importance of community engagement and offered his assistance
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Matters for decision

COU613: Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Clare Bessant, Jill Iles and Jean Watson.

COU614: Declarations of interests by Parish Councillors

None

COU615: Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8 November 2010

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2010 were approved as a correct record.

COU616: Finance

Payments were authorised and receipts and petty cash payments noted (Annex 1).

COU617: Proposal for a 20mph speed limit in Yatton

The Clerk reported an email from North Somerset Council on this issue (Annex 2). The email advised that a 20mph speed limit might be difficult to enforce unless accompanied by physical traffic calming works, for which there was at present no budget.

In discussion members commented that parked cars acted as traffic calming. The police would not have enough resources to enforce a 20mph limit.

RESOLVED by 13 votes to 2 not to support the campaign for a 20mph speed limit.

COU618: Waste and recycling services over the Christmas period

The Clerk reported emails from North Somerset Council (Annex 3).

In discussion members made the following points:

- Members wished to thank the collection crews for their hard work, and for ensuring little debris was left on roads
- The circumstances were exceptional and this was the first year of a new system.
- Nevertheless 5 weeks of non-collection was unacceptable.
- There was a lack of up-to-date information.
- Members suggested more collection points, perhaps one on High Street, Yatton.

North Somerset Parish Liaison Officer Karuna Tharmananthar commented:

- He apologised for the problems that had arisen.
- Responses from the public had generally been good.
- The amount of recycling presented over the Christmas period was four times average.
- Extra collection points would have to meet statutory requirements.
- He accepted that better targeted communication was needed.
- There would be a full review to see what lessons could be learned.
- He asked for any further feedback to be sent to him, copied to North Somerset ward councillors.

COU619: Promotion of local democracy and citizenship

The Clerk suggested:

- Publicise role of parish councils on website and noticeboards
- Lead a session at Backwell School Sixth Form on role of parish councils and how young people can participate
- Publicise role of parish councils at Annual Parish Meeting in March
- Publicise elections on website and noticeboards
- Encourage people to make sure they are registered to vote
- Encourage people to stand for election

In discussion members were unwilling to spend money on 'marketing' the Council. The best way of informing people about the Council was by personal discussion, and councillors' attendance at local events.

COU620: Action plan for Cadbury Hill

Members considered a costed action plan for Cadbury Hill (Annex 4).

Members asked for their thanks to be passed on to Graham Morgan, Managing Agent, for his work on Cadbury Hill.

RESOLVED that the action plan be approved, and that provision for a contribution of £2000 be included in the Parish Council's budget for 2011/12.

COU621: Parish Council projected out-turn for 2010/11, budget for 2011/12 and precept for 2011/12.

Members considered a revised budget report from the Clerk (Annex 5) and an analysis of the projected out-turn for 2010/11 and a draft budget for 2011/12 (Annex 6).

The Clerk apologised for the mistake in the original budget report and projected out-turn (see paragraph 5A of the budget report).

RESOLVED by 14 votes to 1 that provision of £3000 for equipment replacement, as set out in paragraph 4 of the budget report, be included in the budget for 2011/12.

RESOLVED that the draft budget for 2011/12, as amended by the inclusion on a provision of £3000 for equipment replacement, be approved and adopted as the Parish Council's budget for 2011/12.

Members considered that an increase in precept would not be justified and that additional expenditure should be met from reserves. Members noted paragraph 10 of the budget report, which drew attention to potential limitations on precept increases in future years.

RESOLVED that the precept be left unchanged for 2011/12 and accordingly that the precept for 2011/12 be set at £177,279.

COU621: New Standing Orders

Members considered a report from the Clerk (Annex 7) and new draft Standing Orders (Annex 8). The Clerk reminded members that he and Councillors Martyn Hooper, Jill Iles and Susan Morris had gone through the draft page by page.

RESOLVED that the draft Standing Orders be approved and adopted as the Standing Orders of Yatton Parish Council in substitution for the existing Standing Orders.

RESOLVED that the public participation at Council and committee meetings take place as part of the meeting, as provided for in the new Standing Orders, and that the period set aside for public participation in accordance with Standing Orders be immediately after declaration of interests.

COU622: Proposals for new or amended dog control orders

North Somerset Council was conducting a review of dog control orders across North Somerset. Members noted that existing dog control orders:

- excluded dogs from Hangstones and Rock Road fields
- required dog owners to clear up dog mess in any public place.

RESOLVED that no proposals be made.

COU623: Hangstones redevelopment working party

Members noted that there were currently no proposals for the working party to consider.

RESOLVED that the remit of the Hangstones redevelopment working party be extended to 30 April 2011.

COU624: Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED that the Annual Parish Meeting be convened for Monday 21 March 2011 at 7 p.m. in Yatton Infants School.

Matters for information

COU625: North Somerset Group of Avon Local Councils Association

Next meeting, Thursday 24 February 2011, 7.30 p.m., Abbots Leigh Village Hall.

COU626: Clerk's Report

- Councillors were invited to the drop-in session as part of English Rural Housing's consultation of affordable housing, Thursday 27 January, 3.30-7.30 p.m.
- Strawberry Line Management Committee, Tuesday 11 January, 9.30 a.m.
- Parish Councils Airports Association, Tuesday 25 January, 7.30 p.m., Felton Village Hall
- Progress report on ALCA (Annex 9)

Chairman

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